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LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) propose to provide telephone facility in rural areas of Harda district;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the steps taken by BSNL in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 463 villages of Harda district, VPTs (Village Public Telephones) have been provided in 340 villages by BSNL.In the remaining 123 villages, VPTs will be provided by a private operator M/s Bharti Tele Net Limited (BTNL).

There is a rural telephone demand for about 680 telephone connections in the 68 villages of Harda district. All these VPTs and rural telephone connections will be provided by March, 2002.

(c) Following steps have been taken to provide telephone facility in the rural areas of the district:-
One Point to Multi Point (TDMA PMP) system for Harda has been planned and purchase order for the equipment has since beer issued. The equipment is likely to be received by March, 2001.

Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system is also being planned for covering rural areas during 2001-02.